

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 were pending, examined, and rejected. The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner rejected claims 5-7 under 35 USC § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In this response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 5-6, and 8, canceled claim 7, and added new claims 9 and 10. Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are now pending.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

In response to the Section 112 rejection of independent claims 1 and 8, Applicant has amended to address the antecedent issue correctly noted by the Examiner. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the Examiner's readily apparent diligence in reviewing the specification and the claims. Applicant believes that claims 1 and 8 as amended is fully compliant with the requirements of Section 112. Applicant submits that the amendments to claims 1 and 8 are made solely for purposes of addressing the Section 112, second paragraph rejection and are not made for any reason related to any issue of patentability based on prior art. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of independent claims 1 and 8.

With respect to claim 3, Applicant has amended to clarify the ambiguity noted by the Examiner. Claim 3 recites the processor transitioning from power saving mode to the normal operation mode when an access request to an area of memory other than the device area is received from a second input/output device.

Applicant has added new claim 9, which depends on claim 3, to recite a clarified version of an element deleted from claim 3 in which the operation setting module invalidates an access request signal initiated by the first input/output device to allow the first input/output device to access the device area while maintaining the processor in the power saving mode. Accordingly

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the Section 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 3 and its dependent claims.

Analogous amendments have been made to claim 5 and claim 6 and analogous remarks apply to claim 5, 6, and new claim 10. Accordingly Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the Section 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 5 and its dependent claims.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 5-7 under Section 101 as being directed to non statutory subject matter.

With respect to claims 5 and 6, Applicant has amended to recite a computer program product comprising computer executable instructions stored on a computer readable medium including the instructions as recited. Applicant believes that claims 5 and 6 as amended are directed to statutory subject matter and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the Section 101 rejections of claims 5 and 6. Applicant submits that the amendments to claim 5 and 6 are intended to address the Section 101 and Section 112 issues raised by the Examiner and are in no way made for any purpose related to patentability based on prior art.

The rejection of claim 7 is moot in view of Applicant's cancellation of the claim.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this paper contains a reply to each ground of objection and rejection set forth in the Office Action. In light of the amendments made herein and the accompanying remarks, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant would request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections, allow the pending claims, and advance the application to issue. If the Examiner has any

questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference at 512.428.9872.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. Lally", written in a cursive style.

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